

## **Richard H. Watson**

### **Professional Experience:**

#### **3/92 - present Director, Power Planning, Northwest Power Planning Council**

- Manages the technical staff responsible for developing the Northwest's regional power plan. Provides policy advice to the members of the Council. Works with representatives of the Bonneville Power Administration, utilities, environmental groups and others to implement the Council's plan. Managed the staff support to the Governors' Comprehensive Review of the Northwest Energy System and the Governor's Energy Transition Board. Has initiated work to enhance Council's ability to address issues related to the competitive transition of the electricity industry; power supply adequacy and capacity issues; market price forecasts, the competitive position of the Bonneville Power Administration, and the environmental effects of energy development.

#### **8/81 - 3/92 Director, Washington State Energy Office**

- Directed a staff of 180 with an FY 1992 budget of \$29 million. Advised the Governor, legislators, members of the Northwest Power Planning Council on energy issues. Directed the administration of energy programs. Represented state energy interests to the public and to federal, regional, state and local governments and the private sector.
- Initiated and secured passage of important, politically sensitive legislation in the areas of energy efficiency standards for new construction, public sector energy efficiency, and transportation demand management.
- Identified the need for and spearheaded the development of new energy programs and products.
- Authored articles and speeches on energy issues.
- Developed a computer simulation of residential energy use, WATT-SUN, that is used widely throughout the region.
- Successfully guided the Office through a period of rapid change and growth, establishing it as a national and regional energy leader with a reputation for excellence, innovation and client focus.
- Led the creation of a challenging, high quality, equal opportunity work environment that provided staff with opportunities for individual initiative, responsibility and growth.

#### **3/81 - 8/81 Special Assistant to the Director, Washington State Energy Office**

- Established energy policy team in the Office. Served as staff to the Northwest Power Planning Council during its formation.

#### **12/78 - 3/81 Senior Research Analyst, Washington State Senate Energy And Utilities Committee**

- Carried out energy policy analysis, developed legislative initiatives, coordinated with interest groups and worked bills through the legislative process.

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**9/74 - 12/78      Lecturer, Research Assistant Professor, Program in Social Management of Technology, University of Washington**

- Taught and carried out research in technological forecasting, future studies, technology assessment, energy policy, transportation policy. Organized public forums on energy issues.

**3/66 - 8/74      Research Engineer, The Boeing Company, Seattle**

**7/63 - 8/64      Assistant Scientist, Avco Research and Advanced Development Division, Wilmington, MA**

### **Related Activities:**

- Chair, Board of Directors, National Association of State Energy Officials, 9/90 - 2/91; Member, Board of Directors, 1988 - 1991.
- Chair, Western State Energy Board, 6/99 - 6/90.

### **Education:**

- Program for Senior Executives in State and Local Government, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, July, 1988.
- Interdisciplinary Ph.D. Program, technology and public policy through the Department of Civil Engineering and Program in Social Management of Technology, University of Washington. Admitted to candidacy December, 1975. Dissertation focus -- Improving Energy Efficiency in Transportation.
- M.S. Aeronautical and Astronautical Engineering, University of Illinois, February, 1966.
- B.S. Aeronautical and Astronautical Engineering, University of Illinois, June, 1963

### **Awards and Honors:**

- Bonneville Power Administration, Administrator's Award of exceptional Public Service, 1990.
- Northwest Conservation Act Coalition "Conservation Eagle" Award, 1988.
- Association of Washington Cities Special Award for Exemplary Management of a State Agency, 1985

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